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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The Government have given a portion of the grant sanctioned for the building of the sanatorium. As regards the maintenance grants, I have already said that no proposals have so far been received."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" May I know the exact amount granted, because, I believe, the original grant that was sanctioned was Rs. 2 lakhs? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" A sum of Rs. 2,17,940 was sanctioned and about a lakh of rupees has already been given."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Is there any Advisory Council for the sanatorium for giving advice and guidance and, if so, may I know who are the Members of that Council? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" There may be a Committee, Sir. I have no information."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" As a member of the Sanatorium Committee, I am bringing to the notice of the Hon. Minister for Health who was present at the time of the inauguration that a sum of Rs. 2 to 3 lakhs has yet to be paid. Will the Government consider the desirability of making over at least the earned amount of Rs. 2 to 3 lakhs so that the sanatorium which is now almost in a static condition, may run? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The matter will be very sympathetically considered, Sir."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" May I know, when the institution is in such difficulty, why the whole grant was not paid during this time? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" A provision of Rs. 1 lakh was made in the current year's Budget and I think that has been paid."

Housing industrial workers in Madras.

* 211 Q.—SRI S. RAMALINGAM (on behalf of Sri A. Ratnam) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(a) whether any conference was held at Secretariat on 16th February 1954 and any scheme drawn up at a cost of Rs. 30,00,000 for subsidizing housing of industrial workers in the City of Madras;

(b) who are the contractors selected for the construction of the tenements and whether any tenders have been called for in the matter;

(c) the subsidy granted by the Government of India for providing housing accommodation to industrial workers;

(d) whether any portion of the amount is proposed to be recovered from the managements of industries;

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(*e*) the approximate value of each tenement and the area of each residential tenement and the particulars of amenities provided; and

(*f*) the rent proposed for each tenement per month and the period of collection?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) A proposal to construct in the Madras City limits about 964 single-storeyed one-room tenements, with the financial assistance offered by the Government of India under their subsidized Industrial Housing Scheme, is under the consideration of this Government. The estimates in regard to this proposal were considered at a departmental conference held in the Secretariat on 16th February 1954. The application to the Government of India for loan and subsidy for this Scheme will be sent shortly.

" (*b*) The Public Works Department which may be in charge of the construction, when the Scheme is approved by the Government of India, will follow the prescribed procedure for the selection of contractors for this work.

" (*c*) On proposals sponsored by State Governments, the Government of India grant a subsidy calculated at fifty per cent of the estimated cost of construction, the other fifty per cent being in the shape of loan repayable in 25 annual equated instalments.

" (*d*) No; the State Government will be the owners of the tenements, subject to the repayment of the loan granted by the Government of India for the purpose.

" (*e*) The standard cost fixed by the Government of India for a single-storeyed one-room tenement in this State is Rs. 2,700 which comprises Rs. 2,260 for building cost and Rs. 440 for land and its development. In an acre of land, 25 tenements are permitted. The Scheme is within the standard. Each tenement will be provided with water-supply, lighting and sanitary arrangements.

" (*f*) The Scheme permits of a maximum rent of Rs. 10 per month being recovered from the worker for the one-room tenement."

SRI M. PALANIYANDI :—" கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் தொழிலாளிகளுக்குக் கொடுக்கப்படும் அறை ஒன்றுக்கு சம்பளத்தில் 10 சத விகிதம் வாடகை வசூலிக்கப்படுகிறது என்று சொன்னார்கள். சாதாரணத் தொழிலாளிகளுக்கு one-room tenement கொடுக்கப்படும்பொழுது, அவர்கள் எவ்வளவு வாடகை கொடுக்கவேண்டி வரும் ? அவ்வளவு அதிகமான வாடகை அவர்களால் கொடுக்க முடியுமா ? மத்திய அரசாங்கத்தாரிடமிருந்து கிடைக்கும் subsidy மூலமாக உதவிவந்தால் வாடகையைக் குறைவாக நிர்ணயிப்பதற்கு அரசாங்கம் முன்வருமா ? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" As I read, the maximum rent is Rs. 10. As to what exactly these tenements will cost and what will be the rent that may be fixed—all these things can be decided only after the construction of the tenements is over."

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SRI R. KRISHNASWAMI NAIDU :—" கிராமப் பிரதேசங்களிலுள்ள விவசாயத் தொழிலாளிகளுக்கும் இந்த உதவி கொடுக்கப்படுமா ? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" மூலக்கேள்வி Industrial workers-ஐப் பற்றியது. கனம் அங்கத்தினர் போடும் உபகேள்வியை கனம் மந்திரி ஸ்ரீ பக்தவத்ஸலத்திற்குப் போட வேண்டும்."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" Will the rent be fixed according to the wages earned by the worker or according to the amount that is spent upon these tenements? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The Government will come to a decision after the building is finished."

SRI S RAMALINGAM :—" கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் ரூ. 10-க்கு மேல் வாடகை வாங்கப்படாது என்று சொன்னார்கள். ஆனால் தொழிலாளி வாங்கும் சம்பளத்தில் 10 சதவிகிதமோ, அல்லது பத்து ரூபாயோ, இவ்விரண்டில் எது குறைவாக இருக்கிறதோ, அதை வசூலிப்பதற்கு சர்க்கார் முன்வருவார்களா ? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, all these matters will be considered when the building is finished and when the Government has to decide the reasonable rent for the tenements."

Communal representation in the category of Deputy Collectors.

9-30 a.m. * 212 Q.—SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN (on behalf of Sri K. R. Viswanathan) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of officers in the category of Deputy Collectors belonging to each of these communities, viz., Brahmans, Forward Non-Brahmans, Backward classes and Scheduled Castes; and

(*b*) whether the rule regarding the reservation of 25 per cent and 15 per cent of posts in this category to candidates belonging to Backward classes and Harijans respectively is being observed?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*)
Brahmins : 30;
Forward Non-Brahmans : 43;
Backward Classes : 22;
Scheduled Castes : 10; and
Scheduled Tribes : Nil.

" (*b*) Yes."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" In spite of the constant and continued agitation made by the Backward Class communities, may I know why is it that the number of backward community officers is still so low as 22? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Yes, Sir. For that, the hon. Member and his colleagues must change their technique."